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LETTER DATED 12 OCTOBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF QATAR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As Chairman of the Islamic Group to the United Nations, I have the honour to inform you that the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held their annual coordination meeting on Thursday, 1 October 1998, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The meeting reaffirmed the statement of the Islamic Group in New York addressed to the Security Council concerning endorsement of the Sudan's request for a meeting to be convened to discuss the subject of the United States aggression against the Sudan that led to the destruction of the Shifa pharmaceutical factory and the death of numerous individuals. It also condemned that aggression as an action contrary to the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and to international norms.

The meeting further requested the Security Council to send a fact-finding mission to the Sudan in order to investigate the United States allegations concerning the production of the factory.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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